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CARE

Bear not a single care thyself,
One is too much for thee;
The work is Mine, and Mine alone;
Thy work--to rest in Me.
(Selah)

MOVING DAYS

The sound of saw and hammer, footsteps echoing in the rapidly emptying halls of the old high school building, the noise rushing up and down the hill with her heavily loaded frame creaking under the weight of innumerable volumes, towering ones well filled--yes, very well filled--with young men and women who prefer crowding to standing, backfires and shouts and laughter reverberating as the aged oak on Bryan Hill wave a joyous welcome to the incoming pioneers--moving days have come.

Clear and resonant sound the calls to and from classes as students are summoned to their daily tasks, not by the customary bells of other schools, but by the notes of a cornet. And again Bryan is different.

No wonder it is with joyful and thankful hearts that chapel songs are sent forth from the open air pavilion; no wonder it is with smiles of thanksgiving and satisfaction that students enter roughly finished, unplastered rooms to sit at pine tables in cane bottom chairs--and do it without complaining. No wonder the young ladies salute them as they leave the dining hall, morning and afternoon, as they travel between Cedar Hill Sanctuary and Bryan Hill--"climbing or descending the main"; no wonder, we say, no wonder! For Bryan is home at last--at last, at last, with the comforts of home, but at least with the joys of home.

New Campus of the William Jennings Bryan University, Dayton, Tenn.

DR. PETTINGILL SPEAKS TO STUDENTS

At the regular chapel service on Friday the students were addressed by Dr. William L. Pettingill, a former chapel and conference speaker, and a friend to the University. Dr. Pettingill is giving a series of sermons at the Chattanooga Bible Institute during this week, and it is expected that he will again visit Bryan before leaving for Georgia, where he is to hold conferences in Trion and Atlanta.

CLASSES ORGANIZE

Following the devotional period, the chapel program was turned over to class organization activities, the elections resulting as follows:

Freshman Class:

President--Harry Crewe, Penna.
Vice-Pres.--Harold Fuss, N. J.
Secretary--Hazel Green, Tenn.
Treasurer--Forrest Ford, Ky.
Faculty Advisor--Miss Beckman

Sophomore Class:

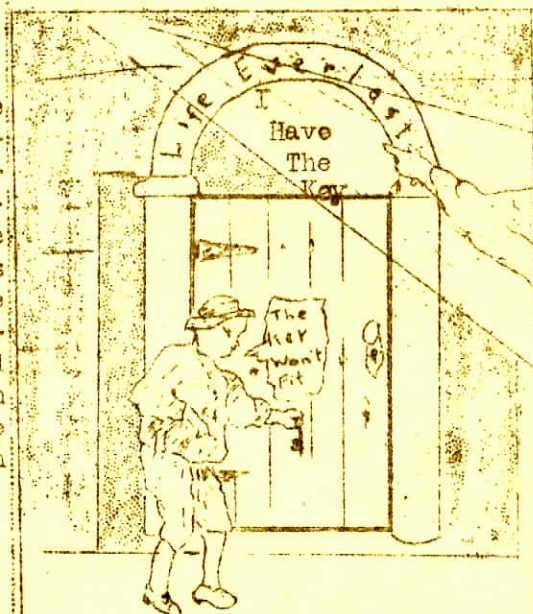
President--Virginia Barger, Tenn.
Vice-Pres.--Lynden Berry, Ky.
Sec-Treas.--Nae Wells, Ky.
Faculty Advisor--Dean Ryther

Junior Class:

President--Wm. Daugherty, Penna.
Vice-Pres.--Emily McMurry, Tenn.
Sec-Treas.--Ralph Toliver, Tenn.
Faculty Advisor--Prof. McMurry

Senior Class:

President--Wm. Wonderly, Md.



Rev. 3:7; Isa. 22:22

Vice-Pres.--S. D. Hodges, Tenn.
Sec-Treas.--Agnes Copeland, Tenn.
Faculty Advisor--Prof. Rudd.

Chapel programs will be sponsored by each class at intervals during the year, thereby giving each group the opportunity of placing its talent before the student body. It is expected that the programs will be both varied and interesting.

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There are twelve ministerial students in school this year. 5 Baptist--5 Methodists-- 1 Presbyterian--1 member of the Assemblies of God. We ask of our readers prayer that these students may be God-directed.

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WHAT BRYAN HAS MEANT TO ME

(This is a copy of a portion of a letter, written by a former student to a member of the faculty--unsolicited)

"It gave me a fairly good idea of the condition of the country and most of all the great need of the Gospel right here in the United States. It has been almost unexplainable the way the Lord has used me in His service. Yesterday we had two marvelous Spirit-13 services, and our prayer meetings--I just can't explain in words.

"Not long ago one of my members (a lady around 67 years) became very ill...then three dark days came in which the doctor expected her to go, as she suffered a relapse and death began to appear rapidly.

"In the meantime several of us remained faithful in prayer, and for waiting on Him the Lord performed almost a miracle. She was healed within a week and now is enjoying very good health....The Lord wanted to reveal to the people here (and me too) His great power in prayer. Since then we have had prayer meetings that fairly vibrate with the Holy Spirit.

"We have no church budget as we carry on on a faith program--and He hasn't failed us yet---and best of all we have the promise in His word that He won't fail us

either. Yes, the Lord Jesus is surely a wonderful Saviour!

"I enjoyed very much...NEW---SETTE. The testimony of the students was fine and makes one happy to know that Bryan is an institution that stands upon His Word in these dark days of sin. It has been revealed to me that God sent me to Bryan U. to show me He wanted me in His service. Also to give me a genuine spiritual view of His precious Word.

"Some of the Elders in our church think I'm an evangelistic preacher (and praise God I am) and that I should preach the doctrines of the church. But I must not stand in the wisdom of men (I Cor. 2) if I desire to be a soldier of the Cross. Since that is my longing and heart's desire, there are even several doctrines which our church considers important that absolutely cannot be backed by His Word, so I avoid them and preach the truth as God reveals by His Holy Spirit to me. ...My, the people that don't know the Lord Jesus as a living Jesus who was resurrected by the Father after He had completed a finished work of redemption on the Cross.

"So many will accept the Christianity of Christ and even try to live it...yet they absolutely refuse the Christ of Christianity. So we are rapidly slipping into hero worship, preparing the way for the Anti-Christ. Keep us in your prayers."

FIRST CLASSES ON THE HILL

Work at 11:30 o'clock on Monday, Sept. 23, the first class was held in the Administration Building on Brice Hill, a dream of ten years was realized. That year of a fundamentalist school on the hills overlooking Dayton, first in the mind of the late William Jennings Bryan just before his death here in 1926, has been cherished by trustees, faculty, subscribers, and students through the years of depression and a war which brought us to a gracious God for his precious healing and life.

Registration days were Sept. 20 and 21, but because of the lack of equipment on Brice Hill and a cancellation of the week's Bible Conference, which took four hours daily, classes were not begun until Sept. 30. Between conference sessions students aided in the sorting and making of equipment. For the seven rooms now finished.

Enough for class work. However, windows are still busy on windows and doors are still be working on plumbing and heating equipment for some time.

At the initial chapel program on Brice Hill Acting-President William A. Field declared that one of the documents he most valued was the petition drawn up and signed in every apartment and handed to the last December which asked for cooperation of the

student body in the renewal of the building program.

FIFTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
WELL ATTENDED

Held the first week of school each fall as an orientation course for the students, the Bible Conference this year was the best attended by local town people of the five conferences that have been sponsored by the University. The services were held in a large tent cordially lent by Mr. Chattanooga Radio Revival friend, T. Leroy Brannon and located on a vacant lot between Cedar Hill and Dayton's business district.

Continuing from Sunday, Sept. 22, through Sunday, Sept. 29, services were held daily afternoon and night. Special music was furnished by the choirs of the local churches and by the students under the direction of Miss Yancey, head of the Music Department, and Dean Ryther.

Here from Sunday through Friday evening, Pastor John J. Van Gorder, of the First Baptist Church, Butler, Pa., did the heavy hitting of the Conference, for each of several days speaking three or four times. With one exception, Dr. Van Gorder spoke each time from his large Bible Theme charts, seven feet by twenty feet in size. On Wednesday and Friday mornings he spoke over WODD, Chattanooga, and on Thurs-

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day morning at the Dayton Grand-
may social's chapel program.

Rev. Harry T. Geiger, head of
the Cumberland Mountain Bible
Institute and Orphanage, Living-
ston, Tenn. (a faith work), was
here Wednesday and Thursday.

Arriving Wednesday, Dr.
Charles L. Carrons, Bible In-
structor at Bryan, was here until
Sunday. Though he spoke only
once at the Conference, he was
the chapel speaker at Rhea Cen-
tral High School chapel Friday
and the afternoon speaker at the
annual Home-coming of the N. W.
Church, Graysville, on Sunday.

Dr. Eric B. Brooks, Bible lec-
turer and preacher who recently
moved to Chattanooga from
Jacksonville, did most of the
speaking near the close of the
conference. The Rev. Geiger, Dr.
Brooks was a former visiting chap-
el speaker.

We regret that, because of his
doctor's orders, Dr. Alexander
Kiddell could not leave his Wash-
ington, D. C., home for the Con-
ference. Rev. T. Harry Francon
was unable to be present during
the conference but opened a re-
vival meeting at the tent on Mon-
day night following the closing
of the conference Sunday night.

FIRST CHAPEL HELD IN TENT

Still pioneering, Bryan's first
chapel program of the year was
held Monday, Sept. 23, in the
tent in which the Bible Confer-

ence was held. Sitting on the
rough wooden benches placed on
the sawdust and shavings, the
students sang gospel choruses,
prayed, and listened to a talk on
personal evangelism by Dr. Van
Gorder.

The setting for the opening of
school was little like that of
the sumptuous auditoriums of most
schools, but bespoke more of the
chautauque tours of Mr. Bryan and
the "sawdust trail" of Billy Sun-
day.

THREE NEW TEACHERS

Acting-President Rudi announces
the following new teachers for
the year:

Educated at the New Jersey Col-
lege for Women, New York Univer-
sity, and Grenoble University,
France, Miss Berta F. Backman,
of Metuchen, N. J., is teaching
Romance languages.

Miss Isabel Bell, a native of
Brooklyn, N. Y., and for several
years Assistant Dietitian at
State Teachers College, Freder-
icksburg, Va., is a graduate of
Mercer College. She comes to
Bryan as Girls Counsellor and
Dietitian.

Mrs. R. F. Abel, head of the
Abel School of Business, Dayton,
will teach secretarial studies
this year.

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Don't gossip-
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BAPTIST STUDENT UNION
TO BE FORMED

Under the direction of Ralph Toliver, a student and a member of the George E. Guille Ministerial Association who was ordained into the Baptist ministry this summer, a Baptist Student Union will be formed this fall at Bryan.

OPENING PARTY

A "get-together" party was given at Cedar Hill Saturday evening, Sept. 21. Several amusing games arranged by the entertainment committee, Miss Yancey, Corby, and "Reddy" Ford, provided an interesting and enjoyable time for both the veterans and the new students.

Howls of laughter came as a result of "Cross Questions and Silly Answers", and "Edgy" proved that he is as well versed on proverbs as on "shower sticks". Refreshments came in due time--ice cream and cookies.

Everyone found that singing choruses is a fine way in which to work up an appetite, especially when the leader is Brother Walker, of Warfield, Ky. "Wide, Wide as the Ocean", properly illustrated with motions by Corby, was a popular number.

Most of the town students were present, as were also Dr. Mac Houston and Annie Harris, Van Gorder of Butler, Pennsylv-

vania, who was a guest of the University and speaker at the annual Bibl. Conference. Mr. Dav- enport, Minnie's father, was also a guest. (M.E.W.)

"IT'S A SMALL WORLD"

Now, it's this way: Emily has a boy friend on the U. S. S. Melville, one of the Navy's small floating machine shops. She never expected to see anyone from the battleship tender except Charles -- excuse us, we did not mean to tell his name -- but this week who should visit on the hill down in Florida, who was with the boy friend on the Melville for some time. And, for than that, he was on the way back.

CHAPEL SPEAKER

On Tuesday morning, Oct. 1, Rev. J. W. Melan, pastor of the Spring City Baptist Church and Moderator of the Tennessee Valley Association, was the chapel speaker. His text was taken from the first Psalm.

TEN STATES REPRESENTED

The 1935-36 roll shows that, so far, ten states are represented in the student body.

FLORIDA: Rebecca Haeger, Miami; Ben F. Hall, Bartis; Lula Mac Houston, St. Cloud.

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GEORGIA: Eugenia Fless, Lyerly.

KANSAS: Glenn Klamm, Detroit.

KENTUCKY: Mabel Copley, Minnie Davenport, Forest and Virginia Ford, Warfield; Ottis Hensley, Raceland; Mae Elizabeth Wells and Lynden Berry, Mt. Olivet.

MARYLAND: William Wonderly, Mountain Lake Park.

NEW JERSEY: James Darrell, Riverside; Edward and John de Rosset, Dunnellen; Harold Fuss, Boonville; Mary McAllister, Arlington.

NEW YORK: Janet Webb, Olivera.

OHIO: Edgerton and Gilbert Reid, Cincinnati.

PENNSYLVANIA: Harry Crowe and Emma Roa Bechtel, Philadelphia; Sara Idelman, Marianna; Joseph Kohout, Erie; Lewis Llewellyn, Freeport; William Laugherty, Edmon; James Herring, New Alexandria; John Hudlock, Erie.

TENNESSEE: Pearl Atkinson, Spring City; Mona Flert, Batewell; Virginia Banger, Graysville; Agnes Copeland, Birchwood; S. D. Hodges, Chattanooga; Webster Moody and Lloyd Wilson, Bate; Wanda Masoner, Franklin; Juanita Pendergrass, Gertrude and Ruby Brimer, Jesseasley, and Lola Laymon, Soddy; Emily McMurry, Mary Jane Mobernson, Elizabeth Moore, Stella Purser, Ralph Toliver, Carroll Colvin, Hazel Green, Jeanette Lindsey, Frances Hogue, and Louise Godsey, Dayton.

PRAY FOR BRYAN

KENTUCKIANS ORGANIZE

On Oct. 1, the seven Kentucky students met in the Cedar Hill Music room and organized the Kentucky Club, electing Minnie Davenport, Warfield, President; and Ottis Hensley, Raceland, Secretary-Treasurer.

Plans for giving a party were discussed, but no definite conclusion was reached.

VISITORS FROM ST. CLOUD

Mr. Edward Beebe and Mr. Lee Weatherby stopped by on their way to Hendersonville, N. C. They were guests of Lula Mae and Annie Laurie.

Who sent the cats to Lulu?

SOCIAL SQUIEBES

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Webb, of Olivera, N. Y., have moved to Dayton with their daughter, Janet, who has enrolled in Bryan.

Mrs. Rudd and Rebecca are recovering from bad colds.

Lula Mae and Annie Laurie like Studebakers--and cats.

Juanita went to Soddy Tuesday, returning Wednesday morning.

Rev. Wendell H. Walker and Mr. U. M. Davenport, both of Warfield, Ky., came to bring Forrest and Virginia Ford to Dayton. Both were guests at Cedar Hill Dormitory.

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Rumors have been heard about day morning, Harry on Sunday some snappy competition between night. Both had been there for the "Tennessee Green Pods" and Sunday School the preceding Sun- the "Kentucky Wonders". What day.
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the "Kentucky Wonders" show, Dr. Brooks was at Cedar Hill could it have "been"? A meeting of the local members for dinner Friday evening and of the Board of Trustees was held Sunday noon. With him on Sunday on September third. were his daughters, Miss Brooks and Mrs. Smith.

Ralph Toliver and Ben Hall and Mrs. Smith. attended the Fifth Sunday Meeting of the Tennessee Valley Baptist Association the last Sunday of September, Ralph preaching in the morning on "The Christian's Clothing, or the Armor of God". Ralph was made chairman of a committee to arrange for an Associational missionary.

Dr. Currens arrived Wednesday from Atlanta to take up the study of the Book of Matthew in the Bible class. As during the last three years, he will come from Atlanta each Wednesday, returning there Friday night.

Stella is boarding with her brother, Jennings Larser, and his wife in Hill City.

Brother and Mrs. T. Perry-Brannon were supper guests at Cedar Hill last week.

Miss Bell and William Daugherty, of Batesburg, Thursday

A picture of the students and faculty went to Chautauooga Thursday of last week--buying a sewing machine and other needed things for the dormitory.

Lula Mae, Annie Laurie, Mr. Beebe, Mr. Weatherly, and Dean Ryther were in Chattanooga for dinner last Sunday.

Among the Bryan students attending a weiner roast in Back Valley Monday night were Jeanette, Hazel, James, Sam, Harold, Glenn, Carroll, and John.

Glerm and Igden are living now at Cedar Hill to take care of the cows.

Gilbert preached at Salem Sun-

WANTED AND NEEDED

A sewing machine
A washing machine
A printing press
Cotton goods
A piano

Little is the never accomplish
as great tasks.

LOVE FAITH IN GOD